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Please amend the paragraph at page 2, line 34, through page 3, line 17 of the specification to read as follows:

The inventive method involves administering a nucleic acid (i.e., a first nucleic acid) encoding an angiogenic protein to a cell (i.e., a first cell) within the region of the bone. An angiogenic protein is any protein that potentiates or enhances neovascularization, many of which are known in the art. While any such factor can be employed in the context of the inventive method, because VEGF proteins are not known to induce the growth of tissues not involved in the production of new vasculature, a preferred angiogenic protein is a VEGF

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